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Focus on Morton Grove Public Library

"Log-on @ the Library" for National Library Week

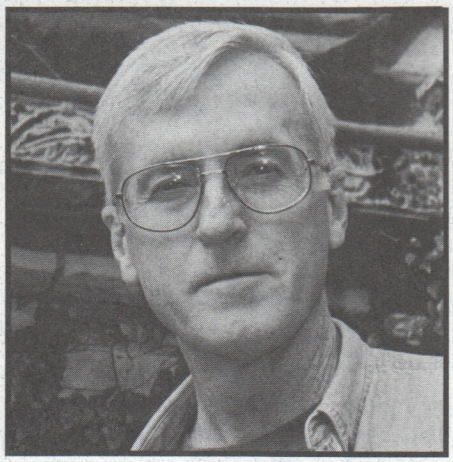
Since 1958, libraries have set aside one week to celebrate National Library Week (April 14 - 20, 1996). The American Library Association, with its headquarters in Chicago, proclaims the theme, "Libraries Change Lives. Call. Visit. Log on." Indeed, libraries during the past year have seen incredible interest in the Internet and online searching. Closer to home, you've read about MGPL's new home page, Virtual Reader's Service Desk, and electronic mailing list, Fiction_L. You may have been one of the dozens who attended our computer training classes last fall. You could be a regular user of our dial-up access to the Library's card catalog. Now, the time has come for us to offer the public Internet capability. We invite you to come in to the Library to join this "information superhighway." On **Tuesday, April 16**, join us for a special "Log on @ the Library Day" and see what all this talk is about. Jump into the driver's seat and take a self-guided tour of the Internet. With a few keystrokes, you'll be visiting the White House, looking for a job or getting health and other helpful information. Log on and see just how the Morton Grove Public Library can change your life!

Inside Writing & Publishing Program Features Variety of Local Authors

Sandra Nissenberg

Inside Writing & Publishing, a series of free seminars presented at seven libraries, offers a glimpse into the worlds of writing and publishing for those interested in "testing the waters." MGPL features **Sandra Nissenberg, Jean Murphy, Dorothy Kavka,** and **David Walker.**

Ms. Nissenberg is a registered and licensed dietitian whose books include *Quick Meals for Healthy Kids and Busy Parents,* and *Over 50 and Still Cooking.* She will be speaking **Saturday, March 9 at 10:00.**



David Walker

Dorothy Kavka

Daily Herald columnist Jean Murphy follows at **1 p.m.** with a presentation on free-lance writing.

Senior editor of Evanston Publishing Inc., Dorothy Kavka, joins the program **Wednesday, March 13 at**

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Wildflower Classes Bloom at the Library

Can't tell the difference between a dandelion and daffodil? Let Gladys Bryer, a volunteer with the North Branch Prairie Project, help with three free classes at MGPL. Each session will highlight 20 different wildflowers and grasses of Illinois for the seasons: **spring (March 20), summer (April 10), and fall (April 17).** Classes are on Wednesdays .

The North Branch Prairie Project uses hundreds of volunteers to preserve and restore 15 local prairies including three in Morton Grove. Please call the Library to register (847) 965-4220. A copy of Peterson's *A Field Guide to Wildflowers* would be a helpful, though not required, text for the class. Copies will be available each session.

Staff Day Closing

Morton Grove Public Library will be closed Friday, March 1 for Staff Development Day.

Normal hours will resume Saturday, March 2.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

The Library is closed March 1 and April 7.

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

March			
3/1	Fr		Library Closed for Staff Development Day
3/5	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/8	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
3/9	Sa	10:00	Inside Writing & Publishing (IW&P): Sandra Nissenberg
		1:00	IW&P: Jean Murphy
3/11	Mo	11:00, 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *The American President* PG-13 (115 min)
3/12	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/13	We	7:00	IW&P: Dorothy Kavka
3/14	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
3/18	Mo	7:00	IW&P: David Walker
3/19	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/20	We	7:00	Wildflowers I: Spring
3/24	Su	2:00	MG Park District Jazz Band
3/26	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
3/26	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group: *Breathing Lessons* by Anne Tyler
3/27	We	7:00	*Staying Well in a Toxic World*
April			
4/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/7	Su		Library Closed for Easter
4/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/10	We	7:00	Wildflowers II: Summer
4/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
4/12	Fr	10:00	New Book Showcase
4/14 - 20			National Library Week
4/14	Su	2:00	Oakton Guitar Ensemble
4/15	Mo	11:00 2:30 & 7:00	Feature Film: *Sabrina* PG (127 min)
4/16	Tu		Log-on at the Library
4/16	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/17	We	7:00	Wildflowers III: Fall
4/23	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
4/23	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group
4/24	We	7:00	Depression
4/30	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs

March

Inside Writing & Publishing – *continued from page 1.* ***at 7 p.m.*** She is the author of *Selling Your Book: The Writer's Guide to Publishing and Marketing* and co-author of *The Successful Self-Publisher: Produce and Market Your Own Best Seller.* Kavka started Evanston Publishing 10 years ago for writers shut out by mainstream publishers and for those who would like to self-publish.

Mystery writer David Walker gives our final presentation on **Monday, March 18 at 7 p.m.** Walker's first novel, *Fixed in His Folly,* features Chicago private investigator, Malachy P. Foley. Walker has been a parish priest on the South Side and a Chicago police investigator and now practices law in addition to writing.

More writers will be speaking at other libraries. Pick up an *Inside Writing and Publishing* brochure for the complete schedule.

Morton Grove Park District Jazz Band – Come for a great afternoon of big band classics with this 18-piece orchestra under the direction of Dr. Ron Surace. **Sun. March 24 at 2 p.m.**

Wildflowers I: Spring – Wed. March 20 at 7 p.m. For more details, see article front page.

Staying Well in a Toxic World – Author Lynn Lawson gives helpful advice for those who have chemical sensitivities. Learn what "sick building syndrome" is and what you can do about it if your home or office is the cause. Lawson says,"The primary cause of environmental illness is the new chemicals (developed) this century," specifically since World War II. **Wed. March 27 at 7:00 p.m.**

April

Wildflowers II: Summer – Wed. April 10 at 7 p.m. For more details, see article front page.

Concert – Oakton Community College Guitar Ensemble presents a concert under the direction of Michael Adamczyk. The musicians play a combination of light classics and original pieces. **Sun. April 14, 2 p.m.**

Wildflowers III: Fall – Wed. April 17 at 7 p.m. For more information, see article front page.

Defining Depression: Signs, Symptoms & Solutions – Morton Grove family psychotherapist, Cassandra Diamond-Friedman, presents this vital information. **Wed. April 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Please register for this program by calling the Library at (847) 965-4220.

All programs held at the Library are free of charge and open to everyone. For more information, or for mobility and communication access assistance, please call (847) 965-4220, TDD 965-4236.

Films

March

The American President PG – 13 (115 min) This Rob Reiner film poses an interesting question: Can the nation's leader still have a personal life? Michael Douglas stars as the widowed President Andrew Shepherd, who falls in love with an environmental lobbyist, played by Annette Bening. Martin Sheen, Michael J. Fox, Anna Deavere Smith and David Paymer assist the President during a busy election year battling his political opponent played by Richard Dreyfuss . **Mon. 3/11, 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

April

Sabrina PG (127 min) Sydney Pollack directs this remake of the 1954 Humphrey Bogart/Audrey Hepburn classic. Playboy David (Greg Kinnear) and workaholic Linus (Harrison Ford) Larrabee are two sons of a wealthy communications magnate. Their chauffeur's shy daughter, Sabrina (Julia Ormond) falls for David and is sent away to Paris to forget about him. When she returns as an elegant woman, David falls for her and it's up to Linus to keep them apart without falling in love himself. **Mon. 4/15 11:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**

Coming May 15: Marathon blockbuster *Nixon.*

Gujarati, Urdu Titles Added to Collection

Nearly 350 new titles in the Indic languages of Urdu and Gujarati are being added to the collection. The books cover a variety of subjects: poetry, medicine, astrology, travel, fiction and dictionaries and more.

These titles include both adult and children's books. Children's books are often bilingual and include several *Spot* books, *Kipper's Toybox* by Mick Inkpen and *Children's Picture Dictionary.*

Some large print and books on tape titles are also available. Look for them in the Foreign Language section: **891.439** (Urdu) and **891.47** (Gujarati).

Tax Forms

The Library no longer carries federal or state tax forms. Forms and information can be obtained by visiting the following offices or Internet sites.

Internal Revenue Service
8125 River Drive, Suite 103
Northgrove Corporate Park,
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(847) 581-2160
(800) 829-1040
http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/

Illinois Department of Revenue
(Old Maine North High School)
9511 W. Harrison Avenue
Des Plaines, IL 60016
(847) 294-4215
(800) 624-2459
http://www.bsd.uchicago.edu/~idor/

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of March 25. Registration starts March 4 for Morton Grove residents and March 11 for non-residents.

Phone registration for classes will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children and 12 parents

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 4:00 pm
Class limit - 40

Kids Programs

Clown Around with Dr. Gesundheit

Come to the MGPL Big Top on **Saturday, April 20 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** to clown around with the amazing Dr. Gesundheit at the fifth annual **Circus of Books.** Kids can play carnival games and win raffle prizes. Pick up your free ticket book at the Circulation Desk on Saturday before you join the circus!

Battle of the Books

Seventh- and eighth-grade readers from East Prairie, Golf, OLPH and Parkview are vying for the Battle of the Books championship title. The 1996 contest began in February and runs through April 18. Cheer on your favorite team every **Wednesday and Thursday (except 4/10) at 4 p.m.**

Authors of the Month: March – Dr. Seuss & Friends

Dr. Seuss isn't the only author you can read to join the games and win raffle prizes. Try some other authors of humorous fiction: Gordon Korman, Robert Munsch, Daniel Pinkwater, or Louis Sachar if you'd like. Just be sure you've laughed plenty by April Fool's Day!

April – Beverly Cleary

Join Beezus, Ramona, Henry and the gang during April for Beverly Cleary month. Look for details in the Children's Room.

23rd Annual Children's Art Contest

Morton Grove children, pre-school through sixth grade, are invited to submit original artwork in any medium on unlined paper. Entries will be accepted March 1 - June 1.

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.**, the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1 1/2 hours of videos. Bring a brown-bag lunch.

New Books Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the monthly New Books Showcase. **Fri. 3/8** and **4/12 at 10 a.m.**

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Tues. March 26** to discuss Anne Tyler's **Breathing Lessons**. The **April 23** title is to be announced. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.**

Book Donations

The Library welcomes donations of hardcover or paperback books and audiovisual materials in good condition. Local and Chicago historical materials and foreign language materials are accepted. All materials are evaluated first for the appropriateness for the collection, then for the Library book sale.

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Reference Round-up

A common question for Reference Librarians is, "What is the address and phone number of Company XYZ?" The telephone book might list those basics, but little else. A business directory, however, includes information such as the corporate officers' names, phone and fax numbers, and often statistical information or some financial data about the company. Who uses these directories? Consumers, job hunters, sales and marketing professionals, and anyone who wants to know just a little more about a company.

The "Big Three" Illinois business directories are **Illinois Industrial Directory**, **Illinois Manufacturer's Directory** and the **Illinois Services Directory**. These directories share similar formats searchable by company name, primary business code, or location, but differ in the types of businesses covered. The industrial and manufacturer's directories emphasize the factory-producer businesses, whereas the Services Directory covers the businesses that support or distribute the product, from accounting to zipper distributors.

The most complete listings of businesses, profit and not-for-profit, are found in the **Chicago Area Business Directory** and the **Downstate Illinois Business Directory**. Arranged by city, these sources give the location and primary contact person for that location.

Information about companies outside the state can be found in several of the well-known business directories: **Dun & Bradstreet's Million Dollar Directory, Thomas Register of American Manufacturers, Directory of Corporate Affiliations, Standard & Poor's Directory of Corporations.** Each directory covers many companies, but sometimes the one you're researching is not included. Don't despair! One of the Reference Librarians can assist you in locating another resource that best suits your needs.

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